

# An Introduction to the Model Core Curriculum for Iowa's High Schools

A series of ICN sessions are being planned to offer AEA, district, and school personnel assistance in applying the Model Core Curriculum for Iowa's High Schools. The introductory session will provide a more in-depth look at the essential concepts and skill sets in literacy, mathematics, and science described in the Model Core Curriculum. Tim Ansley of Iowa Testing Programs will also review the alignment of the Model Core Curriculum to the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. The same content will be presented in four ICN sessions. The sessions are scheduled for the following dates and times:

## Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Origination Site: Lucas State Office Bldg.

1. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
and
2. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Origination Site: Grimes State Office Building

3. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
and
4. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

A session will also be videotaped. A copy of the tape will be made available to each AEA. To add your site to one of the above scheduled sessions, please check availability and contact [Annette.Mathieu@iowa.gov](mailto:Annette.Mathieu@iowa.gov) (preferred) or by phone at 515/281-3170. Please include the Node number of your site location. Reservations are not required to attend.

Additional sessions are being planned to assist high schools in integrating the Model Core Curriculum into current practice. One will provide technical assistance on conducting a gap analysis between local standards and benchmarks and the essential concepts and skill sets of the Model Core Curriculum. Another is being planned to help support teachers and administrators who are interested in changing instruction using the Rigor and Relevance Framework.